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SUBJECT: OECD COUNCIL: DISCUSSION OF C(76)116, WITH  
CORRIGENDUM 1, REPORT TO COUNCIL ON SECOND CONSULTATION  
ON PCBS (POLYCHLORINATED BIPHENYLS), JULY 20, 1976

REF: (A) OECD PARIS 20763, (B) STATE 177007

1. REVISED DRAFT ENTRY IN COUNCIL MINUTES, PER TEXT IN  
REF (A), PARA 5, WAS DISTRIBUTED AS DOCUMENT CES/76.77  
FOR JULY 20 COUNCIL DISCUSSION.
2. THERE WAS IMMEDIATE AGREEMENT ON MINOR RE-ARRANGE-  
MENT OF WORDS IN PARA (D), TO MAKE CLEAR THAT BOTH  
PRODUCTS AND PRODUCT-CONTAINERS MUST BE IDENTIFIED.
3. WITH RESPECT TO PARAS (D) AND (E) IN GENERAL,  
HOWEVER, THE UK REP STATED THAT HIS AUTHORITIES FELT  
THAT THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE AT ITS NEXT MEETING  
SHOULD CONSIDER THE ISSUES RAISED IN THOSE PARAS

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BEFORE THEIR ADOPTION BY THE COUNCIL. MOREOVER,

IT WAS THOUGHT IN THE UK THAT THE WORK INVOLVED  
MIGHT BE CARRIED OUT MORE APPROPRIATELY BY ECOSOC.  
ONLY THE FRG SUPPORTED THIS POSITION.

4. RESPONDING, THE US REP EMPHASIZED THE HIGH  
PRIORITY ATTACHED BY THE US TO THE AREAS COVERED BY  
PARAS (D) AND (E), AND ITS STRONG SUPPORT FOR  
IMMEDIATE, EFFECTIVE WORK BY THE OECD IN THESE TWO  
AREAS. THERE WAS, HE CONTINUED, ABSOLUTELY NO DOUBT  
ABOUT THE RELEVANCE AND USEFULNESS OF THE OECD IN THIS  
RESPECT, AND IT WAS QUITE EVIDENT THAT THE ENVIRONMENT  
COMMITTEE AND ITS APPROPRIATE SUBSIDIARY GROUPS WOULD  
HAVE TO LOOK AT THE DETAILS OF IMPLEMENTATION, TAKING  
INTO ACCOUNT WHAT IS GOING ON IN OTHER ORGANIZATIONS.  
FINALLY, IT WAS QUITE APPROPRIATE FOR THE COUNCIL TO  
INSTRUCT THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE TO CARRY OUT  
FURTHER WORK IN AN AREA DERIVED FROM A SUCCESSFUL  
IMPLEMENTATION OF PART OF ITS OWN PROGRAM, IN THIS  
CASE, TO REDUCE SERIOUS ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARDS BY THE  
ELIMINATION OF CERTAIN TOXIC CHEMICALS. THEREFORE,  
THE US WOULD PRESS FOR THE RETENTION OF PARAS (D) AND  
(E).

5. SEVERAL DELEGATIONS (AUSTRALIA, CANADA, NORWAY,  
DENMARK, FRANCE) BACKED THE US POSITION, WITH  
PARTICULARLY STRONG SUPPORT BY THE FRENCH REP, WHO  
DEPLORED ANY ATTEMPT TO DELAY OR DIVERT A SUCCESSFUL  
OECD THRUST IN THE ENVIRONMENTAL FIELD.

6. SUMMING-UP, THE CHAIRMAN RULED THAT ON THE BASIS  
OF THE DISCUSSION PARAS (D) AND (E) WOULD BE RETAINED.  
TO TAKE CARE OF THE UK'S PROBLEM, HE PROPOSED AN  
ADDITIONAL DRAFT PARAGRAPH TO THE INSTRUCTION AS  
FOLLOWS: QUOTE "THE COUNCIL AGREES IN PRINCIPLE TO  
PARAS (D) AND (E) SUBJECT TO CONSIDERATION BY THE  
ENVIRONMEHT COMMITTEE AT ITS NEXT MEETING OF THE  
MANDATE GIVEN IN (D) AND (E), WITH A REPORT TO  
COUNCIL IF IT HAS COMMENTS ON THIS MATTER". END QUOTE.

7. THIS TEXT WAS APPROVED, SUBJECT TO MINOR EDITORIAL  
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